

Remarks/Arguments:**I. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION****A. Amendment of Table 2**

The amendment to Table 2 in the specification corrects a sequence translation error at amino acid residue number 24 of SEQ ID NO:2. Table 2 and SEQ ID NO:2 as originally filed in the parent application listed an arginine (R) for amino acid residue number 24. The correct amino acid translation of the corresponding nucleotides is threonine (T). The corresponding nucleotides of SEQ ID NO:1 are nucleotides 76-78 (ACG). The nucleotides ACG encode for threonine.

The partial sequence of SEQ ID NO:4 corresponds to the first 125 amino acid residues of SEQ ID NO:2. Amino acid number 24 is correctly translated in SEQ ID NO:4.

The amendments to Table 2 and the sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 are supported in the application as originally filed. These same amendments were entered in the parent application, therefore there is no issue of new matter.

B. Addition of Table 3 and Example 2

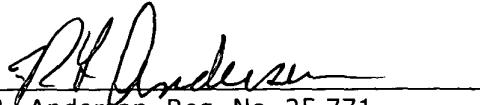
The amendment adds to the specification of the present application, SEQ ID NOS:1 and 2, and Example 1 of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/041,796, filed April 2, 1997 ("796 Provisional"). Benefit of the '796 Provisional is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) herein, and the entire '796 Provisional is also incorporated by reference.¹ SEQ ID NOS:1 and 2 from the '796 Provisional have been changed to SEQ ID NOS:5 and 6 respectively to conform with sequence listing requirements. Also, Example 1 has been renumbered Example 2 to conform with the present application. The addition of SEQ ID NOS:5 and 6, and Example 2 directly into the specification is supported in the parent application as originally filed. A sequence listing with a computer readable form (CRF) consistent with the amendment to the specification is being filed herewith.

I. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

¹ A commonly owned U.S. Provisional Application is an appropriate source for incorporation of essential material by reference, as abandoned applications less than 20 years old can be incorporated by reference to the same extent as copending applications; both types are open to the public upon the referencing application issuing as a patent. MPEP 8th Edition, 608.01(p).

Claims 1-20 are canceled, and claims 21-37 are added. The newly added claims are supported by the specification.

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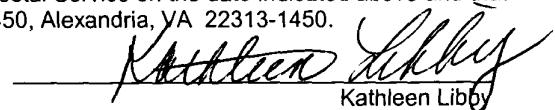
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